

I am writing to express my outrage and disgust at your transparent, cynical, and hypocritical attempt to impose your so called values on this election. I saw a representative of Sinclair on TV last night saying these are issues that need to be discussed. Really! I am 42 years old I have not had health insurance for the last ten years. Two years ago my lack of insurance almost cost me my life. I was recently quoted a single payer one month rate of \$768 from a major carrier. everyday my fellow countryman are sacrificing their families, livelihoods, limbs, and lives for what. I'll tell you, a bald faced LIE! we have squandered an enormous surplus and turned it into an enormous deficit, we had a well of sympathy and good will in the days following 9/11 that we have turned into a well of animosity and mistrust. I could go on with a dozen other issues, but you think fighting a war that ended thirty years ago is more important. This really would not bother me so much if you were not such blatant hypocrites. I distinctly remember you saying you would not broadcast "Nightline" in April because you said you do not think it is right for politics to be disguised as news. May I ask, "what the Hell do you think you are doing then? I am trying to be polite but, quite frankly it is hard for me to even consider you as fellow countrymen, your cynicism and disregard for anything resembling the truth makes me a bit angry, and sick to my stomach. You have a right to conduct your business the way you see fit, that is the benefit of living in this great country, however you have crossed the line, you are about as objective as O.J. is innocent. And I truly hope come November you get what you deserve! In addition Mr. Powell this company is the poster child for why you should not be allowed to deregulate this industry. A company like Sinclair with such an overt agenda should never be allowed to monopolize discourse in this country. It would surely be the beginning of the end of our democracy. This is the threat not Janet Jackson's breast or Howard Stern's mouth. You along with the rest of this country should grow up and find the remote control that is what it is there for. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.